









## RESERVATION OF AN HISTORIC SPOT.

SUNG WONG TOL.

Last year the Legislative Council, on the motion of the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, passed a resolution in favour of the reservation of the piece of crown land situated at British Kowloon known as Sung Wong Toi or Sung Wong Toi, and at the Council meeting yesterday effect is given to this resolution by the introduction of a Bill, the first reading of which was passed. The Bill provides that the piece of land in question "shall be henceforth reserved or appropriated by the Governor as a place of popular resort and of antiquarian interest: Provided, nevertheless, that if at any time hereafter it appears to the Governor that it is necessary, in the interests either of the Imperial Government or of the Government of this Colony, that such land should be re-appropriated either wholly or in part, it shall be lawful for the Governor to re-appropriate such land or any part thereof and to use the re-appropriated land or allow it to be used for other purposes than those above mentioned. Notice of such re-appropriation shall be forth with published in the Government Gazette."

Sections 3 and 4 of the Bill read as follows:—

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council, from time to time, to make such regulations as he may deem expedient for the maintenance of good order in the said reserved land, and for the preservation, management, and use thereof, and for the enjoyment thereof by the public, and to annex to the breach of any such regulations penalties not exceeding twenty-five dollars in respect of each such breach. Any such penalty may be sued for and recovered summarily under the Magistrate's Ordinance, 1890. All such regulations shall be published in the Gazette and thereupon shall have the force of law.

4. If any person injures or defaces any ancient monument, rock, memorial, or inscription, which is on or upon any land reserved or appropriated under this Ordinance as a place of popular resort and of antiquarian interest, then such person shall be liable to the discretion of such Magistrate to one of the following penalties, (that is to say),—(1.) To pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, and in addition thereto to pay such sums as the Magistrate may think just for the purpose of repairing any damage which has been caused by the offender; or (2.) To be imprisoned with or without labour for any term not exceeding one month.

Dr. Eitel in the "History of Hongkong" (at pages 129 and 130) makes the following allusion to the spot in question:—"As to the history of Hongkong previous to the rise of the T'ang Dynasty (A.D. 618), very little is known. There is, however, the Kowloon peninsula, and within British territory, an ancient rock-inscription, on a large loose lying granite boulder, which crowns the summit of a circular hill, jutting out into the sea, close to the village of Ma-ta-chung, directly west of Kowloon city. This inscription, consisting of three Chinese characters (Sung Wong Toi), 'Hall of a King of the Sung' arranged horizontally, was originally cut about half an inch deep in the northern face of the boulder. The Chinese Government believe it to be a genuine inscription, about 600 years old. The original characters, having become nearly effaced in course of time, were renewed at the beginning of the present century (1807) by order of the Viceroy of Canton, the date of this restoration being recorded by a separate inscription the characters of which are arranged perpendicularly. The memories attaching to this inscription and to the whole hill, which still shows the outlines of the original entrenchments, are so sacred in the eyes of Chinese officials and literati, that excavations and quarrying were prohibited in that locality under the severest penalties. When the peninsula was leased and subsequently ceded to the British Crown, the Chinese Government specially stipulated that the rock-inscription and the whole hill should remain untouched. Nevertheless, quarrying has occasionally been attempted there since the locality came into British possession.

Chinese history states that, when the Sung Dynasty was overthrown by the invasion of the Mongols under Kublai Khan, who subsequently seated himself on the throne of China (A.D. 1280), the last Emperor of the Sung Dynasty, then a young child, was driven with the Imperial Court to the south of China and finally compelled to take refuge on board ship, where he continued his flight, accompanied by a small fleet. Coasting along from Foochow, past Amoy and Swatow, he passed (about 1278 A.D.) through the Ly ee-moon into the waters of Hongkong. After a short stay on Kowloon peninsula, he sailed westwards until he reached Nagashan, at the mouth of the West River (south-west of Macao). But meanwhile the Mongols had taken possession of Canton and hastily organized a fleet with which they hemmed in the Imperial flotilla on all sides. The Prime Minister (Liu San Fu), seeing all was lost, took the youthful Emperor on his back, jumped into the sea (A.D. 1279) and perished together with him.

Within a few months previous to this event, the Imperial Court had rested for a while in the little bay of Kowloon, called Ma-ta-chung. Tradition says that Kowloon city and the present hamlets of Ma-ta-chung and Ma-ta-wai were not in existence at the time, and that the Imperial troops were encamped for a time on the hill now marked by the inscription, whilst the Court was lodged in a roughly-constructed wooden palace erected at short distance from the beach on the other side of Ma-ta-chung creek, at a place now marked by a temple. There, it is said, the last Emperor of the Sung resided for a while, on ground now British and in sight of Hongkong, waiting for news from Canton concerning the movements of the Mongols, and hoping in vain to receive succour from that treacherous city.

## THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the tenth report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's office, Victoria Buildings, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the 1st February, 1899:—

Gentlemen:—The Directors now submit to you a Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1898. The balance of Profit and Loss Account for the year, after writing off all Charges and Expenses, amounted to \$6,710.70. The Directors, therefore, recommend that a Dividend of One Dollar per share be paid, which, after writing off the Directors' and Auditors' Fees, will leave a balance of \$550.70 to be carried forward to Credit of a New Profit and Loss Account.

**DIRECTORS.**  
Messrs. F. Henderson and J. Gosmann retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

**AUDITORS.**  
The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thos. Arnold and W. H. Gaskell, who retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

**P. HENDERSON, Chairman.**  
Hongkong, 17th January, 1899.

## AFFAIRS AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

"Navalis" writes as follows to the *Times*:—"Your Correspondent at Wei-hai-wei pathetically laments 'the striking contrast' presented by the 'inaction' displayed at our most recently acquired port. This is quite natural. The local tendency to measure the strength of a harbour by its visible defences has received sufficiently numerous manifestations. In 1875, as we know, there were 'old women of both sexes' who regarded the defencelessness of Portsmouth and Plymouth with dismay. Yet the 'great influence' of Pitt did not suffice to carry a moderate vote for the fortification of these places, because the opinions of a naval captain—Sir John Lewis—stood directly in his way. In 1893, the experience of war being wholly forgotten, we have seen the inhabitants of New York and Boston clamouring for defences against the hapless squadron of Admiral Cervera. Only the other day Wei-hai-wei was fortified with all the expensive elaboration which the modern theorist demands, with the result that it promptly fell as the moon as the command of the sea was asserted by the Japanese, involving in its fate a Chinese squadron.

The policy of Russia in annexing, leasing, or asserting a sphere of influence in the terms are identical—Manchuria demands that Port Arthur should be made into a place of refuge and ultimately a base for her naval force in the Far East. That every effort would be made to fulfil these conditions was absolutely certain. Will some one explain why we wait either a refuge or a fortified base at Wei-hai-wei? If our fleet holds command of the Gulf of Pechili, it will, presumably, protect Wei-hai-wei. If it is not capable of asserting its command in these waters, it would be lunacy to send it there. Our vital interests in China lie hundreds of miles south of Wei-hai-wei, and I sincerely hope that nothing will be done to commit us to the passive defence of this very indifferent harbour. To take this step would imply adding largely to the great forces already absorbed by sedentary duties, subtracting from the offensive power, which would be the first essential in war, and dangerously enfeebling the action of our Navy.

## NEWSPAPERS AS BOOKSELLERS.

The Americanisation of our book-selling methods would seem to be extending apace, and the plan recently adopted by certain newspaper proprietors of offering publications direct to the public at an apparently cheap price appears to be, for the time being, remarkably successful. In the eyes of such traders it is, of course, a mere detail that all these excursions from their legitimate province encroach still further upon the already sufficiently precarious position of the retail bookseller. In these enlightened times the weakest must always go to the wall, whether booksellers or anybody else. And it must be confessed that now-a-days when the power of advertisement is well nigh supreme, the newspaper people, who are not too nicely scrupulous, possess unique and inexpensive facilities in this direction; and are thus equipped with an advantage which the most prosperous publisher or the most enterprising bookseller is quite unable to equal.

For the moment the public may be attracted and fascinated by the supposed advantages presented to them, but they will, we fancy, discover before very long that no enterprising or successful trader is really a philanthropist, however well he may act the part, and that when the moon has passed away and the whole affair is seen in its true light, it will be found that the wonderful bargain offered was no bargain at all, and that, after all, the old ways are often more solidly advantageous.

In the instance of the *Times* reprint of the "Encyclopedia Britannica," which, as all our readers know, has been so industriously boomed, as the most wonderful literary bargain ever offered, it appears from a statement in the *Albion*, signed by the leading Booksellers' Associations that the gilt on the gingerbread is not there at all. Indeed, the sole advantage which the new system offers is the opportunity of purchasing for sixteen guineas and cost of carriage, a reprint, inferior in paper, print, and binding of the legitimate edition, formerly obtainable in the ordinary way of trade for £18 carriage paid. The actual difference in price is, it will be seen, very much less than is represented, and when everything is taken into consideration, scarcely on the side of the buyer.

Similar considerations, it will be found, apply to the new issue by Messrs. Harmsworth Brothers of the "Hundred Best Books" chosen by Sir John Lubbock. We doubt exceedingly whether any individual of ordinary education, or want of education, can conceivably desire to read, or indeed can possibly derive any benefit from reading, every item in the very miscellaneous list to which Sir John has given his imprimatur. The ordinary purchaser, when he receives his hundred weight or so of books, and endeavours to make himself acquainted with the extremely varied contributions to human knowledge they contain, will most certainly find a large proportion quite useless for his individual needs, and will regret that he allowed himself to be deluded by the recommendation, even of the Prince of Wales himself, to invest so much of his current capital in so profitless a speculation. He will find that his pocket and as to his knowledge, if he had been content merely to purchase those in the list which he was able to use and to appreciate, and had not encumbered his shelves with volumes which, however appropriate they may be to every gentleman's library, are more fitted for the dignified repose on the shelf, than for the affectionate handling and companionship of everyday life. Indeed, the whole matter is only another illustration of a remark we have already made—that it is possible to buy knowledge and literature too cheap. For the moment this craze for an inexpensive book may be a necessary effect of the book-seller's ingenuously, but we feel sure that the disease will be its own remedy. He may find some compensation in the hope that when the public discover, as they will, that exceptional cheapness is not only nearly always the result of unfair and illegitimate trading, but is in its own results undesirable for the purchaser, they will turn a deaf ear to such prospective allurements, and will find in their present experiences a preservative against similar initiations in the future.

## RUSSIAN OFFICERS' PAY.

A supplementary credit of eleven million roubles has been assigned to the Russian Minister of War for the purpose of a considerable increase of pay to active officers throughout the army from the middle of next year. The minimum annual pay will be £70 for a sub-Lieutenant, besides house-rent allowance. Salaries have been hitherto so inadequate that officers have been forced to take out their pay by other occupations. General Kuropatkin, the new War Minister, has declared this to be impossible.

## FOREIGN MAKES PREFERRED.

The *Malay Mail* calls attention to the increasing sale of foreign manufactures, especially German, Belgian, and Swiss goods, in the Selangor markets. Blame lies at the door of English manufacturers for lack of enterprise and for disinclination to suit goods to customers. That journal points out that if English manufacturers want to keep the trade, the London, Liverpool, Bradford, and other Chambers of Commerce should combine and send a man to centres such as Singapore, with instructions to travel, and push British trade. As an instance of how matters stand, the following incident is related:—

We require 5,000 envelopes for use in this office. We look round for the cheapest presentable article. We find it at Kelly and Walsh's, who can supply excellent German-made envelopes at \$1.20 a thousand. Naturally, Kelly and Walsh being an English firm would sell English instead of German envelopes if they could buy them at the same price and of the same quality.

## NOTANDA.

## CALENDAR.

**JANUARY.**  
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer ..... 29.818  
Thermometer ..... 80.1  
Humidity ..... 77  
Rainfall ..... 8.58

**TO-DAY.**  
WEATHER REPORT.  
On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.  
Barometer ..... 30.31 30.20  
Thermometer ..... 52 50  
Humidity ..... 52 50  
Rainfall ..... — —

**TO-DAY.**  
Thursday, 26th January, 1899.

Chinese—15th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Moon—In Apogee 2hr. a.m.

High water—Morning ..... 10hr. 33min.

Afternoon ..... 3hr. 33min.

Low water—Morning ..... 3hr. 24min.

Afternoon ..... 2hr. 1min.

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

1806—William Pitt died.

1824—Lord Napier, W. H. C. Plowden and J. F. Davis appointed Superintendents of the Trade of British Subjects in China.

1841—Hongkong formally taken possession of by Sir J. J. Gordon Bremer.

1865—Convicts forbidden to be sent to Australia.

1881—British repulse at Laing's Neck.

1883—General Gordon killed.

1887—The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Hongchow* ran ashore on Tsing Shan, near Amoy, natives drowned; the vessel finally got off.

1892—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders left Hongkong.

1896—Salt junk seized by Chinese Customs in Hongkong waters.

**TO-MORROW.**

Friday, 27th January, 1899.

Chinese—16th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Moon—Full Moon 3hr. 1min. a.m.

High water—Morning ..... 10hr. 52min.

Afternoon ..... 3hr. 13min.

Low water—Morning ..... 3hr. 55min.

Afternoon ..... 2hr. 43min.

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

1847—The Corn and Navigation Laws suspended.

1859—William II. (German Emperor) born.

1875—Establishment of Amoy Chamber of Commerce.

1883—British steamer *Carisbrooke* burned and scuttled in Hongkong harbour.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

**MAILS DUE.**

French (*Sydney*) 29th inst.

Australian (*Chingtu*) 29th inst.

American (*China*) 5th prox.

Tacoma (*Victoria*) 5th prox.

American (*Doris*) 14th prox.

THE N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Lennox*, arrived at Portland on the 24th instant.

THE N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Glenogle*, sailed from Yokohama for Tacoma on the 25th inst.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bombay*, left Singapore for this port at 2 p.m. on the 24th instant.

THE N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Victoria*, has arrived at Yokohama, and sails for Kobe and Hongkong to-day, the 26th instant.

We are informed by the Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Sydney* with the next French Mail, left Saigon for this port at 5 p.m. to-day, the 25th instant.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Kama-kura Maru* (Europe Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port yesterday, the 25th, and is expected to arrive here on the 1st proximo.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPDO DOCK RETURNS.**

*Isidoro Pons* ..... at Kowloon Dock.

*H. C. M. S. K. A. A.* " " " "

*Atletian* " " " "

*Isle de Cuba* " " " "

*Isle de Luzon* " " " "

*Monmouthshire* " " " "

*Brethdale* " " " "

*St. Enoch* " " " "

*Columbia* " " " "

*Changsha* " " " " Cosmopolitan

*D. Juan d'Austria* " " " "

**PASSER THE CANAL.**

Outward—Dec. 30th *Glenic, Elrickdale*;

Dec. 23rd *Wenington Hall*; Dec. 30th *Antenor*;

Dec. 30th *Brynton, Savilla*; Jan. 3rd *Triste, Servia*;

Jan. 6th *Glenary, Sillesia, Nerlie*; Jan. 10th *Menclaus, St. Andrew, Kolu*; Jan. 13th *Liv, Hatching, Hanna, Huron*; Jan. 17th *Benlarip, Formosa, Moyunt, Suez, Saphien*; Jan. 20th *Caladon, Konigberg*;

Homeward—Jan. 17th *Orestes*; Jan. 20th *Glenarthy, Kallou, Arasman*.

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H. C. NICOLLE,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1899. [81a]

## Masonic.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 30th

instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1899. [108a]

## Intimations.

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IN accordance with this Company's Articles

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SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO.

General Manager.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1899. [101a]

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## Shipping.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1899. [123a]

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## Intimations.

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TOKIO MARU	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	Friday, 27th January, at 4 P.M.
KINSHU MARU	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., via Kobe, Yokohama, and Victoria, B.C.	Monday, 30th January, at 4 P.M.
KAMAKURA MARU	MARSHALL ISLANDS, LONDON & ANTWERP	Thursday, 2nd February, at 4 P.M.
N. Tien	COLOMBO and PORT SAID	at 4 P.M.
FUTABA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	Tuesday, 7th February, at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1899.

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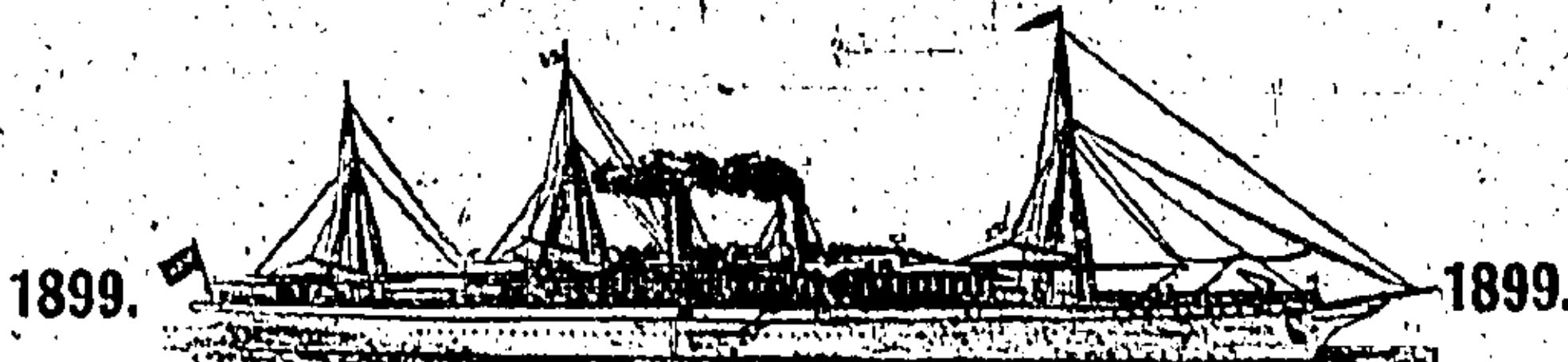
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EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar, 1899.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 5th April, 1899.

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1899.

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Proposed Sailing from Hongkong:  
 HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 7th Feb, at Noon.  
 NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 11th March, at Noon.  
 AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Thursday, 30th March, at Noon.

Proposed Sailing from Hongkong:  
 FROM VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.  
 Victoria... 13,502 | J. Panton... Feb. 14.  
 Tacoma... 2,553 | A. Dixon... Feb. 23.  
 Glenora... 3,759 | J. McGilvray... Mar. 21.  
 Olympia... 2,837 | J. Truebridge... April 1.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Columbia... 2,976 | Dobson... Jan. 28.  
 Monticello... 2,874 | W.A. Evans... Feb. 18.  
 Lenox... 3,577 | Williamson... Mar. 11.  
 Columbia... 2,976 | Dobson... April 15.

\* Calling at AMOY and HONOLULU.  
 \* Calling at AMOY and HONOLULU and Not calling at SHANGHAI.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line: HONGKONG TO LONDON £47. Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR AND STEWARDNESS carried. HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41. The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28. Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with addresses marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODD & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1899.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN, PORTS, PANAMA AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship "BENGAL" Captain S. Barcham, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 4th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1899.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. THE 100 ft British Bark

"QUEEN MARGARET" Fraser, Master, shortly expected here will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1899.

ADVICE FREE.

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Business Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A great proportion of catarrhs and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of diseases. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together, any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

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## Mails.

## NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

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## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
D. RICKMERS	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	6th February.
Pape	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	February.
*SARNIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 15th February.
*Ehlers	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	February.
SILESIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 10th March.
*Behrens	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	March.
SUEVIA	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 20th March.
Poerck	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	March.
WITTENBERG	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN.	About 31st March.
Madsen	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	March.

\* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

CARLOWITZ &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1899.

## U.S. MAIL LINE.

## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Chi na (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Thursday, 16th Feb, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 14th March, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CHINA," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 16th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNITED PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY, also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1899.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan Ports and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Carmarthenshire... Feb. 25

Belgian King... Mar. 25

Carlisle City... April 25

THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSIRE" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on or about the 25th February.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information, as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1899.

## HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

(East Asiatic Service.)



(Taking Cargo at through rates to AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

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/BREMEN.		About 15th	Freight and
nt in HAMBURG)		February.	Passage.
/BREMEN.		About 16th	Freight and
nt in HAMBURG)		March.	Passage.
/BREMEN.		About 20th	Freight.
nt in HAMBURG)		March.	
/BREMEN.		About 31st	Freight.
nt in HAMBURG)		March.	